GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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COMPENSATION FOR PILFERGAGE OF ARTICLES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than Rs.36 lakh was paid as compensation during the last three years for pilferage of articles;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been enquired into;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the action taken in the regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Dr. S PASWAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. The following amount of compensation was paid during the last three years for Pilferage/substitution/abstraction of contents from the Registered articles.

YEAR	AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PAID
1998-99	Rs.12,88,912.00
1999-2000	Rs.11,13,137.00
2000-2001	Rs.12,01,025.00

(b) Such complaints are immediately enquired into and stringent action is taken against those found responsible.

(c) As a result of investigation, in addition to other penalties imposed on the delinquent officials, a sum of Rs.9,64,625.00 was also recovered from them.

YEAR	NO. OF OFFICIALS PENALISED	AMOUNT RECOVERED
1999-2000	151	Rs.4,36,434.00
2000-2001	110	Rs.5,28,191.00

(d) the following steps have been taken by the Department to ensure arresting such irregularities.

(i) The Department has constituted Checking Squads to carry out surprise checks on offices/locations which are operationally considered sensitive;

(ii) Staff on sensitive posts is periodically rotated and officials with doubtful integrity are not put on sensitive posts;

(iii) Special drives are undertaken periodically as a part of the measures adopted for continuous monitoring of various services. The drives enable to identify systemic bottlenecks;

(iv) Suitable instructions have been given to ensure effective action with regard to complaints pertaining to pilferage of articles.